

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 June 66 12/0805Z	2. LOCATION York, Pa. (3 witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (Arcturus) <i>Very likely Arcturus - JH</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Arcturus was at 290° and 8° elevation & setting.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual Bx	Observer noted almost stationary object positioned in the west. Object hovered over the tree tops, moved in deliberate directions and had compartments that glowed with beautiful soft - colored lights. Observer compared object with star but was larger.
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

John, Pa *12 June 66*

FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
11 July 1966

[REDACTED]
R.F.D. **[REDACTED]**
York, Pennsylvania 17402

Dear **[REDACTED]**

Reference your recent unidentified observation of 12 June 1966. The information in your letter was not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

17402
R. F. D. ~~EE~~
York, Penna.
June 13, 1966

Dept. of Defense
Pentagon Bldg.
Washington D. C.

To Whom It May Concern:

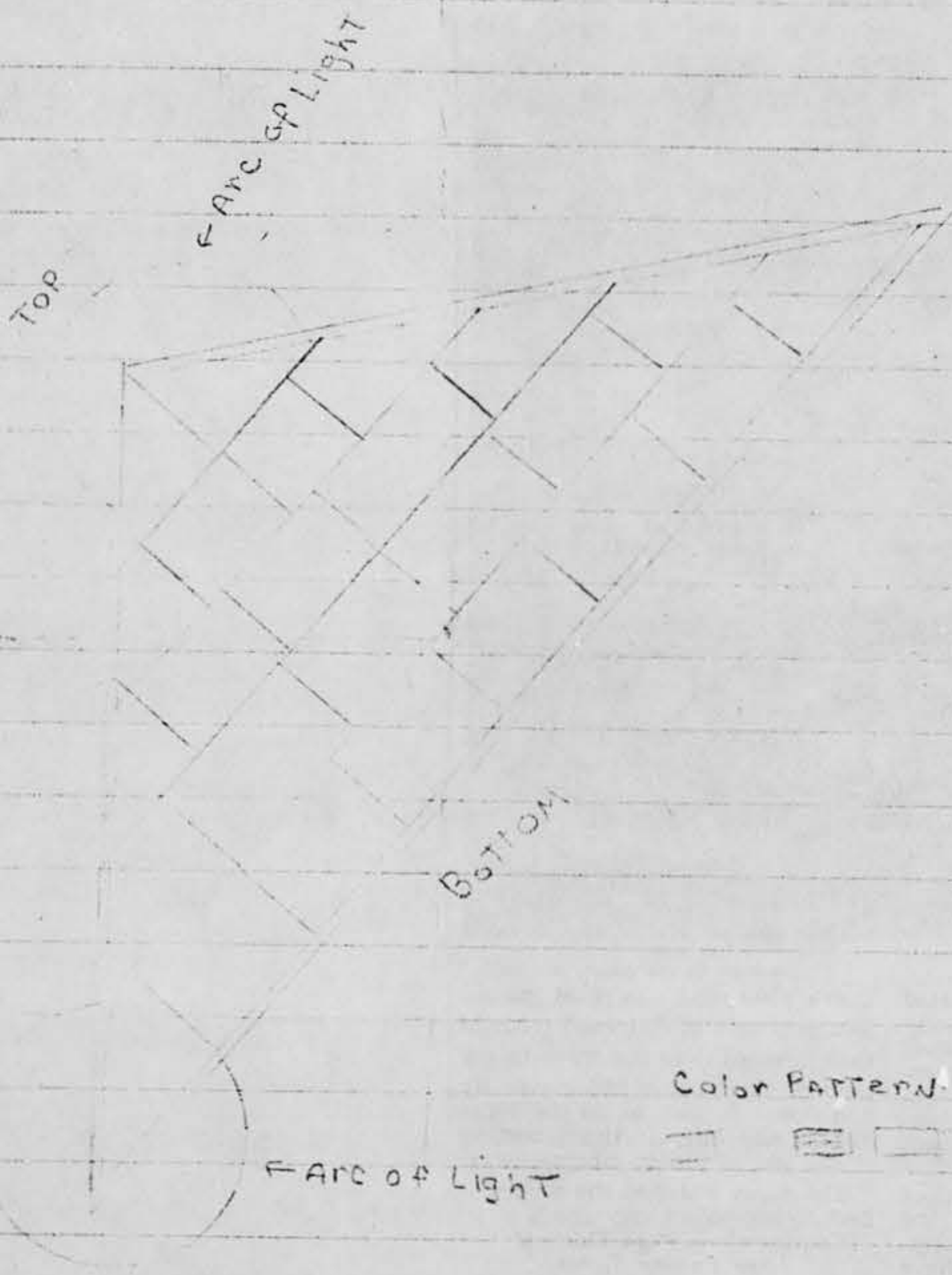
Enclosed find a newspaper clipping explaining the sighting of an "Unidentified Flying Object" west of our home on Sunday morning, June 12th at 4:05 A.M. E.D.T. Since we live in an area where the sky view is very limited we are wondering what type lighted, moving object could have positioned itself almost stationary in the air above the treetops and suddenly just disappear. My son has drawn an illustration on a separate sheet what the object looked like through binoculars. (Send 164)

There is also a tree with-
out leaves on the top of
the ridge. They are very
hesitant about investigating
because of radioactivity or
otherwise that might be
harmful to humans. There
is a possibility the tree
died of natural causes, but
this we do not know because
it really wasn't noticed before.

Thank you,
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Enc. (2)

P.S. The house in the
photo is a neighbors house,
our house sits on the
top of the hill, behind
the spot where we are
standing.



Color Pattern



Family Sights 'Saucer'



—Photo by The Gazette and Daily

A York RD 5 family reported observing for 25 minutes yesterday morning within 700 yards of their home a "flying saucer" that hovered over the treetops, moved in deliberate directions and had compartments that glowed with beautiful soft-colored lights."

The arrow near the top right of the photograph points out the opening in the trees where the flying object was reported to have hovered during most of the time it was observed.

Richard Sipe, employed by the state highways department as a surveyor for nine years, his wife Hazel who attended Millersville State teachers college and taught elementary school in York county for 14 years, and their son Richard Jr., 14 and a B student in the 10th grade at Northeastern High school agreed, "If we weren't believers in flying saucers, we are now."

The Sipes, who live about two miles west of Strinestown on the

Zion's View road, described the object as a sort of flattened triangle that hovered over the trees to the west of their home and moved up and down as well as to the right and to the left, at times coming closer and at others moving away.

The Sipes watched the unidentified flying object through bin

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See Family Sights

June 13, 1966

hite. The pink seemed at times glow more of a red."

Mrs. Sipe said she got up about 5:05 Sunday morning to get her two-year-old son Dana a drink of milk, and when she went near the west window of the kitchen the Venetian blinds "just seemed to glow with a bright light."

"I pulled the blind up," Mrs. Sipe said, "and I saw this object glowing and hovering over the treetops just west of our home. I noticed right of way a star in the distance and this object compared with the star was like a basketball to a marble in size."

"I watched it maneuver for about five minutes before I was sure I wasn't seeing things, and then I called my son Richard who came to the window with me. After another five minutes we called my husband."

"We have seen many airplanes cross the sky out here but we both knew that this was no airplane," Mrs. Sipe said.

Richard interrupted his mother's account to add, "And no one can tell me this was swamp gas, because there isn't any swamp ground here."

'Partitions' Were Seen

Richard continued, "Through the field-glasses you could make out what appeared to be partitions between the different-colored lights. The object filled that opening between the trees to the right while it hovered there, and the edges of it could be seen glowing through the leaves of the higher trees beside the opening."

"At one stage there appeared to be several arcs of light almost horseshoe-shaped over the center of it, and then those arcs went out and others appeared near the left edge."

The boy described the object as "looking something like a cooked marble that has been flattened some."

The father said, "I thought they were kidding when they got me up that early, but I am convinced now."

Power Lines Behind V

He said the tops of the trees are about 700 yards from the home. Behind the trees, Sipe said, are large electrical power lines.

"Now that I have seen one and am convinced, I would love to see what's in them," Mrs. Sipe declared.

Coincidence or not, the opening described as the spot where the object hovered can be identified by one tree without leaves.

FAMILY SIGHTS

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...s that, according to Sipe, brought the object to within 100 yards."

"The object more than filled the width of lens of the field-glasses," Sipe said.

"We were afraid to talk too much about it," Mrs. Sipe said, "because we thought people would think we had lost our minds, but I saw it and I am convinced it had to be operated by some sort of intelligence, it moved with such deliberate movements."

"When we called one person he tried to tell us it was probably one of about 20 satellites the U.S. has in orbit," Mrs. Sipe continued, "but these would be moving in one direction, while the object we observed moved horizontally to the left and then horizontally to the right. It moved straight upward at times and at other times down."

She added "It appeared to have separate compartments around the edge that were lighted in different soft colors, pink, blue-green and

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

12 June 1966
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

4 : 05
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

R.F.D. [REDACTED]
Nearest Postal Address

York
City or Town

York Co., Penna.
State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

25
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Clock

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you d. To your left
b. In back of you e. Overhead
c. To your right f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight – pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

Search light (Ground Operated)

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

Yes - Levelled off and disappeared beyond the horizon.

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

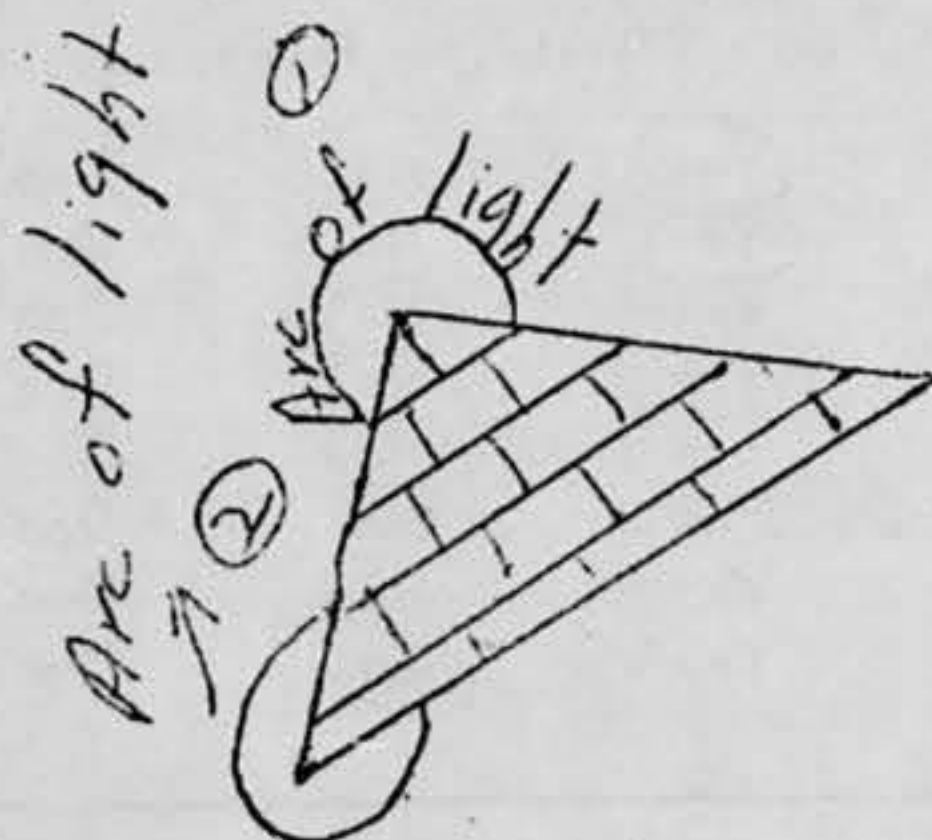
a. Sound Didn't go out to check were too interested.
b. Color Changed in Sequence pink to Blue to green to white continuously

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

Very, very small portion

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails.

Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



1. First Arc Flashed
2. Second " "

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

*Maneuvered
Very slow*

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

*3000 feet
Could have been reached with Gun fire*

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. ☒ Inside a building

b. In a car

c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane (type)

e. At sea

f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

b. In the residential section of a city?

c. ☒ In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

☒ No

e. Binoculars

☒ Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

☒ No

f. Telescope

Yes

☒ No

c. Windshield

Yes

☒ No

g. Theodolite

Yes

☒ No

d. Window glass

☒ Yes

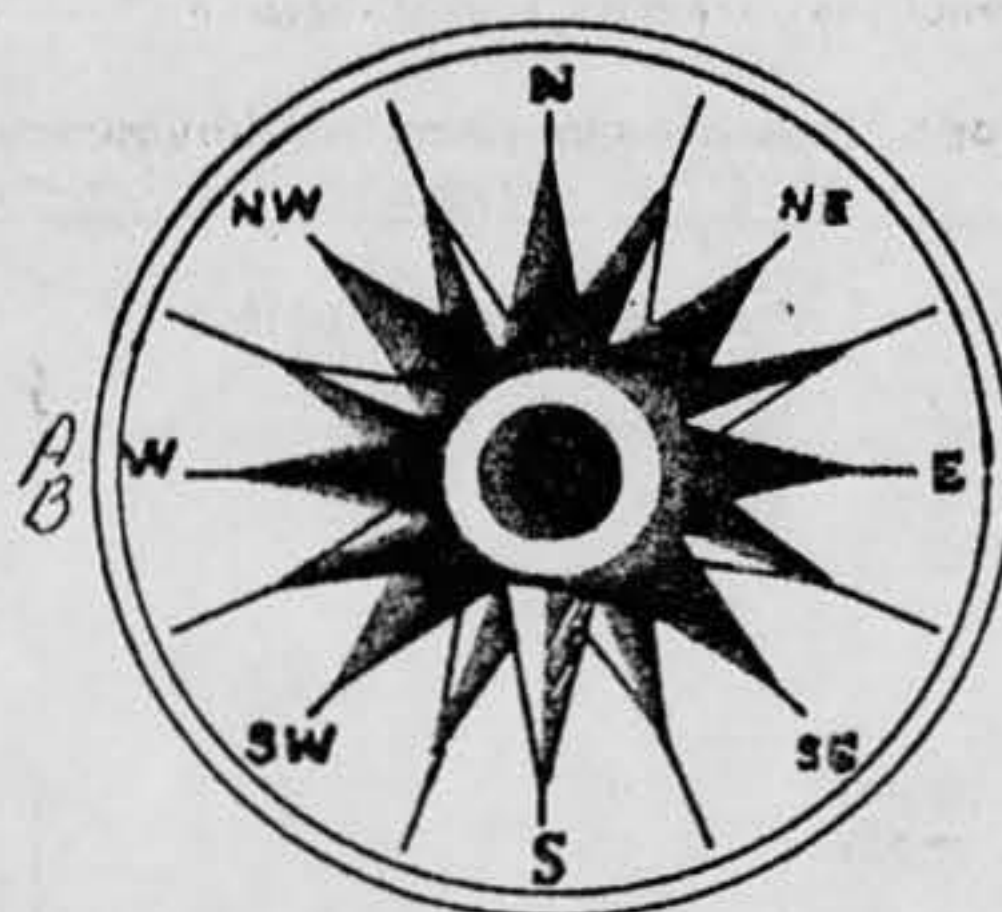
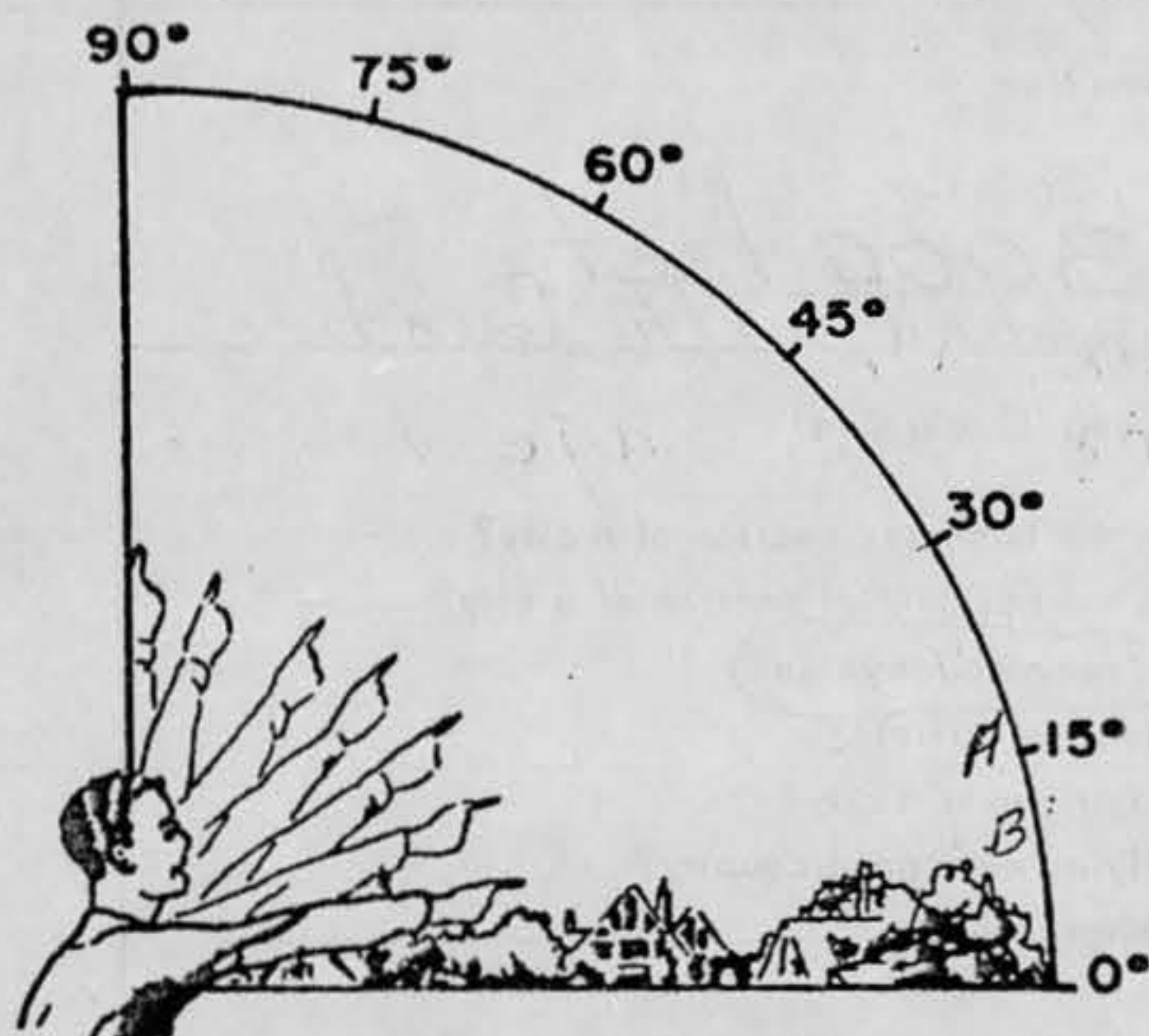
No

h. Other _____

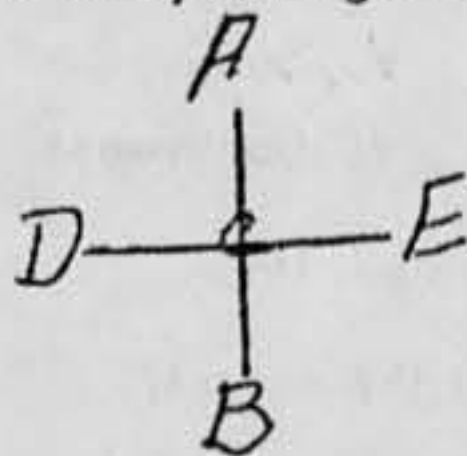
26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

Illuminated top

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



UP and down
Left to right
Motion

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? One
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

☒ Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED]

age 14 yrs.

*R. D. [REDACTED]
York, Pa.*

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Middle Name

ADDRESS

R. D. [REDACTED]

Street

York

City

Zone

Penn.

State

Manchester, Pa.

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

AGE

40

SEX

Female

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

June 12

Day

Month

1966

Year

Gazette & Daily Newspaper, York, Pa.

6/15/66 to Dept. of Defense, Washington, D.C.

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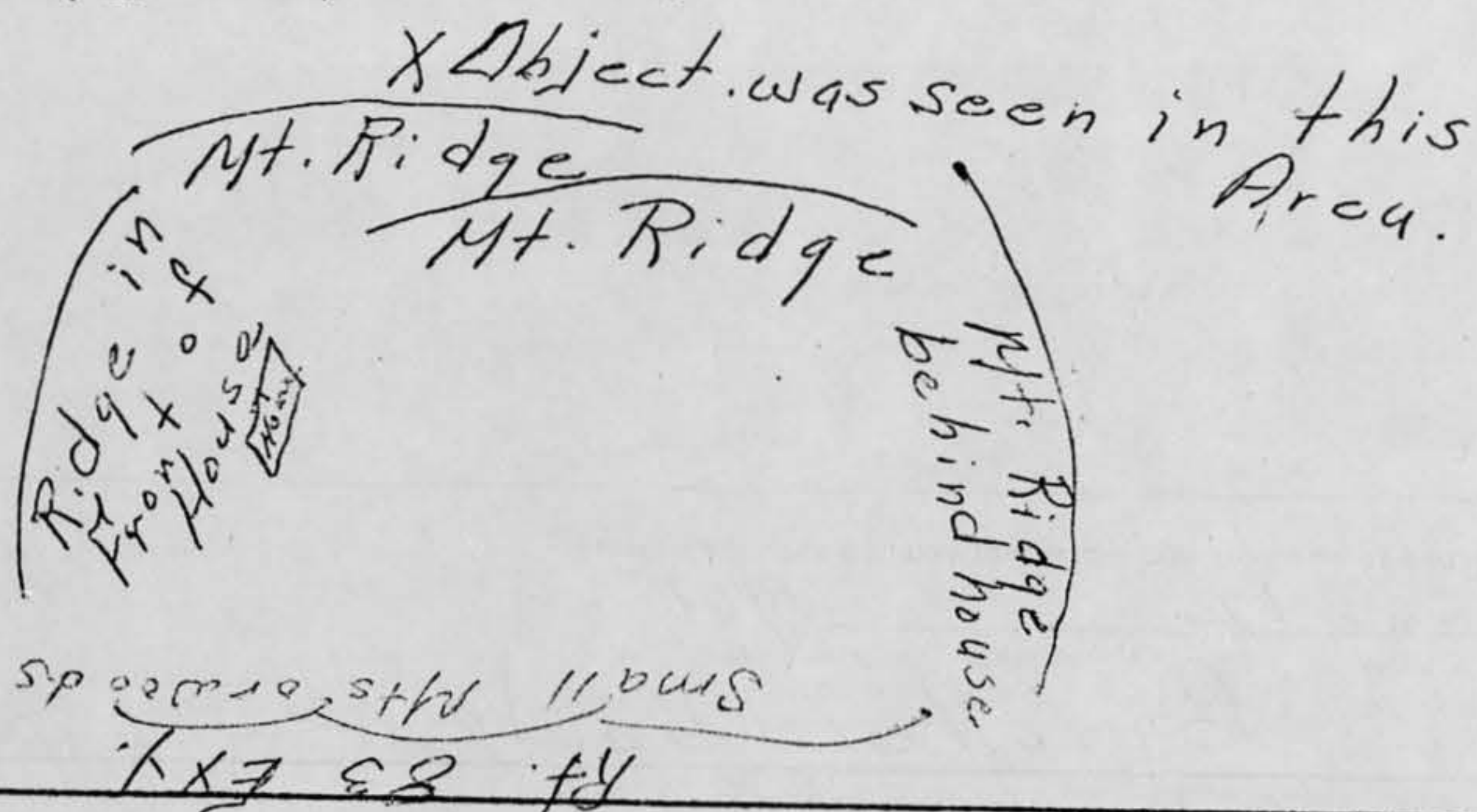
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34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

20 July 1966
 Day Month Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

We are acquainted with all types of aircraft - (Mets, Com. planes, private Planes, and helicopters) and know this was none of them. We live in what you could call an "air traffic lane" west of Olmsted Air Force Base. Due to the limited Sky Space we know it is impossible for any aircraft to be seen for 25-Min. Also the lighting did not correspond with aircraft lights. I will try to draw an outline of the Horizon



There is also a dead or burned tree in this area we are not sure if it was there before or not, but are afraid to go back and look.